GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
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Ocean Research Facility in Andhra Pradesh
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of work at ocean research facility of Earth System Science Organisation-National Institute of Ocean Technology (ESSO-NIOT) at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the likely completion date of the project;

(c) the funds sanctioned for the project for the year 2016-17;

(d) whether the process of selection of management and researchers at the centre has been started; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI. Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) The pre-investment activities like construction of compound wall and allied facilities like widening of approach road, provision of water supply, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies, and bathymetry surveys for locating the seawater intake and outfall have been initiated at ocean research facility of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh.
(b) The comprehensive project is not yet approved and therefore, exact completion date of the project cannot be stated.
(c) As the project is not yet approved, no funds are allocated as of now for this project in the year 2016-17.
(d) No, Madam.
(e) Does not arise as the project is not yet approved.